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March 10, 2003

Bonnie Birch Jensen 680 East Capitol Boulevard Salt Lake City, Utah 84103

Re: Gasoline Containers, Bonnie Birch Jensen, Peat Humus Operation, S/023/58, Juab County, Utah

Dear Ms. Jensen:

On February 10, 2003, I visited your peat/humus mining operation in Mills Valley in Juab county. A copy of the inspection report is enclosed. As discussed in the report, I have some concern about the gasoline containers at the site. Although there is probably less than ten gallons of gasoline, a small amount of gas can contaminate relatively large amounts of water and soil. Plastic containers can easily develop leaks through photodegradation or physical damage allowing the gas to spill.

Rule R647-107.4 requires that all deleterious or potentially deleterious materials be safely removed from the site or left in an isolated or neutralized condition such that adverse environmental effects are eliminated or controlled. I recommend that the containers be stored within a secondary containment structure, such as a lined pit.

If you have any questions about what needs to be done, please call me at 801-538-5261 or Tom Munson at 801-538-5321. Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

Paul B. Baker

Senior Reclamation Biologist

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Enclosure: Inspection report with photos
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